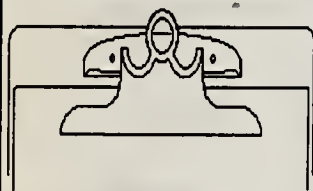


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- Thursday, Nov. 5:
 Women's Issues meeting at
 7pm in the Campus
 Ministry office.

- Friday, Nov.
 6 - Sunday, Nov. 8:
 Parent's Weekend at SJC
 and Fall Play at 8pm on
 Friday and Saturday, and
 2pm on Sunday.

- Monday,
 Nov. 9 - Sunday, Nov. 15:
 MSU Thanksgiving Food
 Drive for the Homeless.

- Tuesday,
 Nov. 10, Thursday, Nov.
 12, and Friday, Nov. 13:
 SUB movie "The Truman
 Show" in the science
 auditorium at 9pm, 9pm,
 and 7pm, respectively.

- Wednesday,
 Nov. 18: MSU Talent
 Show at 8pm in the
 Ballroom. Campus
 Ministry pizza and prayer
 in the Gaspar Center at
 7:30 pm.

* If anyone would like a
 meeting or event to appear
 in the Editor's News

Notes, (that's not in
 the Puma Guide), you can
 just e-mail Maura Giles
 with the name, time, and
 place.

Columbian Players: A Cultural Mission

by Ann O'Donnell

With the opening of *Arsenic and Old Lace* this weekend and the recent Halloween party that included a do-it yourself scary makeup session, the Columbian Players are keeping themselves occupied.

The Columbian Players are the oldest student group on campus, and recently celebrated their centennial. Stephen Giles, president of the Columbian Players, describes the group as, "A student organization that provides the SJC campus and Rensselaer community with a look into the theatrical fine arts."

There are many events that the Columbian Players provide. Giles said, "We do a fall play and liturgical dramas at the Sunday mass (we have done will be doing a special *Christmas with Columbian Players*. see other plays outside of will be doing another comedy, cal in the spring. With the help mittee and WPUM, we will be Everyone is encour-weekend. Stephen Giles de-about family and murder." The 7th, and 8th. The times are 8pm Sunday at 2pm.

If you are interested in wants to tell you, "The merely a group of students that Columbian Players promotes pus. It is for that reason that I ers as an important part of this people to assist in this cultural mission."



John Rahe helps Columbian Players get ready for Halloween.

photo by Ann O'Donnell

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IN SYNC

by Sara Post

Seventeen eager lip sync contestants tore up the stage last Thursday, October 29 at SJC's annual lip sync contest. The Halleck Center ballroom housed the event and the rowdy audience of students. Eight different acts performed during the hour, but only three were awarded prizes. Some of the performances included songs from Elvis, the musical *Grease*, and the ever so popular ditty, "Why don't we just get drunk?" sung by Nate Pinta. Nate showed his enthusiasm by sporting a coconut bra.

A third place prize of \$25 was awarded to Amy Block and Marissa Marlin who jiggled to the country number "Cotton-Eyed Joe."

Jennifer Silva, Andrea Dick, and Jason Becker performed an act they entitled "902 St. Joe" which won them second place, and \$50. The act was their version of Monica and Brandy's "The Boy is Mine."

And the first place act, worth 75 big ones was given to Maurice Brown. Decked out in a first place outfit as well, Maurice performed to "The Humpty Dance."

The night was filled with good music and good dancing. It was an evening of just good-old entertainment.



Mike Potts gets down doing the "Jail House Rock" at the Lip Sync last Wednesday. photo by Ann O'Donnell

DON'T JUST BELIEVE IT...

by: William Shannon

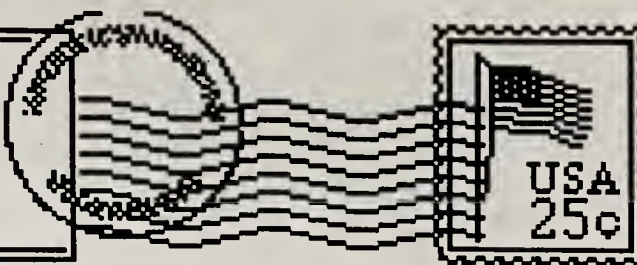
Do you remember when you were in grade school, and you wanted to pass a message to someone sitting down the lunch table from you? What did you do? You told the message to the person next to you and told them to "pass it down." The message, however, rarely arrived in its desired form. Words were taken out, meaning was changed, and everyone between you and your friend held a different version of the story in their minds.

This phenomenon was seen recently at SJC with the stories of the prediction of a Halloween mass murder on campus. While the circumstances of the "prediction" were rather humorous, the deeper meaning of people's actions was rather chilling.

The idea that comes into play in this situation is the fact that we, as human beings, tend to perceive the thoughts and actions of those around us to be correct. We may, therefore, believe something to be true without substantial proof. We merely see people around us believing it is true and we follow suit.

We should not blindly follow the mob in any case. Always question everything you hear until it is "backed-up" by some evidence. To quote the traditional Russian proverb, "Trust, but verify."

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor:

I'm writing in response to William Shannon's October 8th Opinion piece "Why Are We Here?: The New WPUM." Because I'm not all that familiar with the broadcasting industry, I am in poor position to add substantive content to the conversation; however, I am drawn to the debate, struck as I am by the relevance of Mr. Shannon's well written and thoughtful questions. Asking, "Why are we here?" (at college, at any college, or at this college) is surely the most fundamental question of someone who pays thousands of dollars to join the mental life of an academic community. I'm glad he's raising the question, and raising it out loud in a public forum.

As is typical of fundamental questions, this particular question, carries within it even more elemental questions, answers to which become increasingly personal and individualized as one pursues them. For those students who equate education with vocational training, it may well be that employability and job preparation is their major concern. Those students, however, have chosen to attend SJC, a liberal arts college which I believe is "a community dedicated to the causes of truth and freedom," using Shannon's phrase. Along with increasing employability, Saint Joseph's College intends (I believe) to challenge narrowly defined and mechanistic lives of mediocrity.

I don't agree with Shannon's understanding that WPUM's new formatting and structure will contribute much to this school becoming "a training ground for well-trained but faceless automatons," but I do believe he is right in consistently being suspicious of, and challenging new constraints. Such suspicions and challenges are key civilizing impulses, impulses which balance those forces which can end up stultifying the human conversation. I hope Shannon will continue to mull over and think through any and all restrictions and regulations that come his way; and they just keep coming!

Again, I doubt that a "structured" and "professional" format at WPUM will cramp the style of a "radio personality" in training here to the point that the experience qualifies as "disturbing the spirit of our college community."

I am, however, personally reluctant to see colleges and universities contribute to all the further homogenizing of our culture, a culture already significantly drained of personality and diversity. Shannon's arguments catch the tension between these polar directions as does music itself: chaotic sound without structure and regulation can be cacophony, while over-regulated harmony can leave us bored.

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freshman frolic to the mcilwain farm

by Maura Giles

The Freshman Frolic is an annual event that invites freshman to get to know each other and have some good ol' fashioned fun. The Freshman Frolic was originally planned as a party at Marge McIlwain's farm, followed by a trip to the famous Rensselaer Corn Maze. Due to certain circumstances, this is not the way the evening went. Plans were changed, for the better.

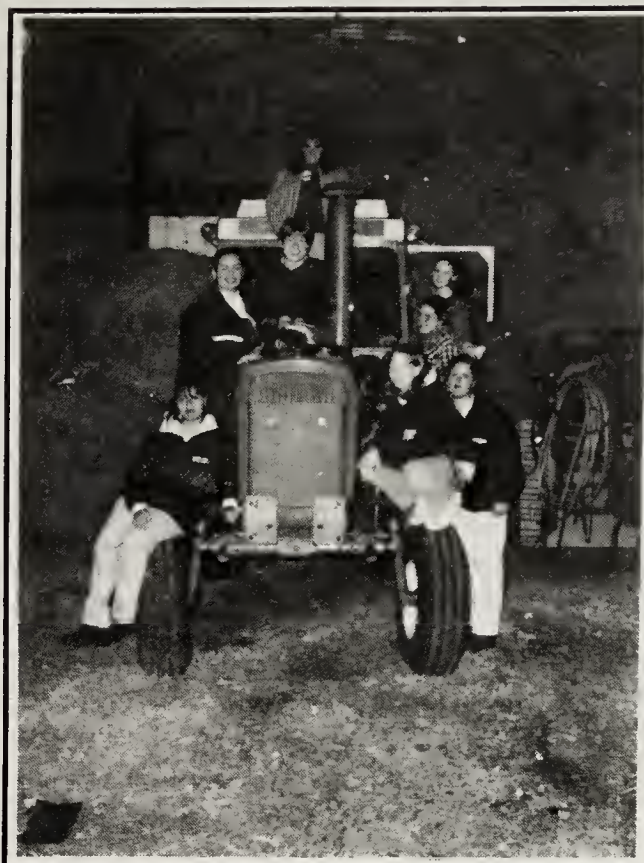
As the freshmen cooked their hotdogs over the fire and roasted their stay-puffed marshmallows for s'mores, it started to rain. The freshmen got a little wet in the rain, but not as wet as they did while bobbing for apples.

Once everyone had a turn bobbing for apples, they dried off and were ready to take on the Corn Maze. Unfortunately, the Corn Maze was a swamp, so going there was out of the question.

However, there was a haunted house at the fair grounds that night, and that became the new destination. The haunted house was scary, even for the fearless freshmen. There were surprises around every corner, not to mention the monsters hiding there. It was a little frightening and a lot of fun. Everyone had a de-frightful time at the haunted house.

The food that Marge prepared was delicious, the decorations were fantastic, and a wonderful time was had by all in attendance.

Anyone that missed it, missed out. And the freshmen that did go, would like to thank Marge once again for her extraordinary hospitality.



Freshmen huddle on and around a tractor in Marge's barn. photo by Marge McIlwain

Senate Update

by Mike Nichols

During the October 19th meeting of the Student Senate, the budget for fall semester 1998 was approved. As a second item on the agenda, Assistant Vice-President for Student Affairs, Ernest Watson, presented a proposal for dealing with dorm fines. The proposal entailed the establishment of a three-student board in each dorm. The board would attempt to police its own citizens. The Senate voted to form a special committee to investigate the idea. On October 23rd and 24th S.A. President Michael Nichols will be attending the meeting of the Saint Joseph's Board of Trustees. He plans to present student grievances against the Office of Student Affairs.

MAJORS FAIR, FULL OF OPPORTUNITIES

by Anne LaCure

On Thursday, October 22, the Career Center hosted its annual Majors Fair. This is an event in which all the majors offered at Saint Joseph's College have a display set up for freshmen and undecided majors to learn more about each major. Linda Bevec, the Career Center director, states that the purpose of the Majors Fair is to "introduce freshmen, and those who are undecided, to all the majors, their career opportunities, and the requirements."

All freshmen were required to attend, but others were lured to the Majors Fair by refreshments and drawings to win bookstore items.

The Majors Fair was held outside the ballroom. Each major had very creative displays including videos, handouts and a variety of other props, as well as a faculty member and two upperclassmen ready to answer any questions. The Education Department had portfolios of recent graduates, "accenting the need for portfolios to see the growth over four years for future employers," states Ed Habrowski on what he had displayed to attract more freshmen. "The displays were much more creative than last year, the faculty really spiced it up," Bevec commented.

Not only were the different majors on display, but also resources from the Career Center. There was a display of many different books from the Career Center library featuring a variety of career opportunities for different majors. Also, from the Career Center, was SIGI Plus which assesses career interests and explores opportunities through an interactive career guidance software program.

The Majors Fair had a great turnout and was very successful in opening the eyes of many freshmen. Freshman Beth Hollenbeck stated, "I was interested in Marketing, but after finding out more about MMIS, I will be looking more into that."

JOIN THE COMPUTER CLUB FOR A BYTE

by Maura Giles

On Wednesday, November 11, 1998, the Computer Club will be hosting its annual fall dinner. The cuisine this year will consist of Mexican food, prepared by your fellow students. The dinner will be held at 7PM. The Computer Club would like to invite any interested students to attend the dinner.

The Computer Club is not just for people who know a lot about computers, it is for anyone that has ever used one. The Computer Club is not just a horde of intellectuals who sit around, and program computers all day. It is a group of active students who work together by planning dinners, trips, and other fun activities.

If you are interested in joining the Computer Club, or simply want to have a good meal, you can contact David DeLauro for more information.

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Chilling Puma rumor haunts students

SJC falls victim to thirty-year-old Halloween mass murder rumor

— by Heather Hagan —

The rumor started the week before Halloween. By Thursday it was spreading across the campus like wildfire. It was the topic of discussion in every corner of the cafe, in countless dorm rooms and even in some classes. A mass murderer would be coming to Saint Joe on Halloween night dressed as...Little Bo Peep?

Yes, it is true, ladies and gentlemen. We actually fell for this rumor that goes back decades to 1968 when it was first inspired by Richard Speck's murder of nine nurses in a Chicago rooming house a few years earlier. Since then, it has made its way onto countless college campuses across the nation. Admittedly, however, it was a fairly easy rumor to fall for. The specifics were chilling. It goes something like this (with minor variations):

1) A website produced by a professor at the University of Minnesota Wesleyan told of two psychics who had predicted on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" that a mass murder would take place on a college campus on Halloween evening. These psychics were also said to have predicted the Oklahoma City bombing.

2) The college would be lo-

cated near Illinois but not necessarily in Illinois.

3) The building in which the murders were to take place would be shaped like the letter 'C' (or 'H' in some versions).

4) The building would be located near a cemetery and/or a lake.

5) The killer would be dressed as Little Bo Peep.

Any of this starting to sound familiar? It should. Justin, depending on how one looks at it, could be considered either C or H shaped. Seifert is decidedly C-shaped. Justin is also located near both a

lake and a cemetery. The author of the website stated that he had narrowed down the possible murder sites to two colleges: Wheaton College in Illinois and, surprise surprise, Saint Joe.

Of course, by Thursday the rumor had spread and SJC students were hopping on the internet faster than you can say "psychic friend" to check out the chilling prophecy. The rumor also had many students changing their Halloween plans to include packing up and heading home.

While students were busy looking up the psychics' websites and trying to find out if they ever did appear on Oprah, many students failed to look a little further on the internet. The website www.snopes.com is filled with "urban legends" including this one. The website debunks this myth, telling of its origins with the Richard Speck murders. According to the website, the myth enjoys a surge in popularity every few years. This year, the resurgence of the myth can be attributed to the release of the movie *Urban Legends*.

According to the website, the myth has several variations. Sometimes, the psychic will have predicted the exact number of victims to be killed. Also, the myth sometimes tells the first letter of the name of the build-

ing where the killings will occur. The psychics sometimes appear on Letterman, Geraldo or Montel Williams instead of Oprah and the murderer is also sometimes described as an insane professor or school maintenance worker.

While the myth may vary, its effects remain consistent. The website

explains that the myth plays on students fears of lax security in college dorms. Simon Bronner, author of the book *Piled Higher and Deeper*, a collection of campus folklore, stated on the website that, "The coincidence of the

rumors with the darkening fall season, the mistrust of the security of institutional life -- especially for students away from the haven of home -- and the setting of many campuses in isolated arcadias undoubtedly feeds the rumors." Bronner went on to add that as colleges have relaxed the restrictions of dorm life and taken a less active roll in students' personal lives, students have come to see campuses as "potentially open to dangerous strangers."

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-- Simon Bronner

Career Center holds Career Awareness Week

— by Zachary Pala —

The Career Center held its second annual Career Awareness Week from October 26th through the 30th. All SJC students were invited to participate in luncheon type activities that centered around job and internship searching skills and creating awareness of the resources available at the Career Center.

"Our main goals were to get students to start thinking about careers and internships and to try to get the word out about the resources we have," said Career Center Assistant Director Camie Bechtold.

Each hour-long workshop concentrated on a specific theme that will aid students for their careers after college. The topics of the activities included graduate school preparation, job searching strategies, internship and volunteer opportunities, and career exploration for education majors.

"It was good to see that attendance was up from last year, because finding a job is a lot of hard work. I feel that this week-long workshop made students aware of all the beneficial resources available to them at the Career Center," stated Bechtold.

Spreading Rumors...

The following are other campuses where this myth has spread:

University of Illinois
Indiana Univeristy
Purdue University
Ohio State University
Penn State University
Minnesota State University
University of Florida
University of Iowa
University of Michigan
Michigan State University
University of Oklahoma

source: www.snopes.com

Lil' Sibs Weekend is big hit

Fun-filled weekend gives little siblings a taste of college life

— by Heather Hagan —

The SJC campus was recently host to a younger group of students when SUB sponsored its annual Lil' Sibs Weekend. The weekend of October 23-25 found children of all ages coming to SJC to spend time with their older brothers and sisters and to get an early taste of college life.

The weekend began with registration where the kids were given a bag of Halloween goodies and could purchase a Lil' Sibs Weekend t-shirt. Later that night, SUB sponsored a showing of the movie *Mulan*, which was a big hit with both the younger kids and their older siblings.

"I thought the movie was really good, even though it was kind of scary and violent in places," said Rachel Alyea, one of the little sibs

present.

One of Saturday's activities allowed the kids to make their own music videos. Students and visitors were able to dress up in costumes and lip-sync the words to their favorite songs in front of a blank green screen. Later, the would-be music artists were able to watch their videos with the backgrounds inserted. The activity was free of charge and each participant was given his or her own video as a souvenir.

Saturday night, the kids enjoyed a pizza party in the ballroom and then it was on to campus trick-or-treating. Following the trick-or-treating were fun and games in the

Rec Center, insuring that the kids would sleep well despite having eaten so much candy. The weekend wrapped up with brunch on Sunday.

Many of the little sibs who visited proclaimed the weekend a hit and enjoyed the many activities offered. But for some, it was simply getting to spend time with their big brother or sister and seeing what they do nine months out of the year at college that was the most exciting part of the weekend. Things as simple as eating in the cafeteria and getting to sleep in an actual dorm room meant a lot to the little sibs.

Katherine Coplen, one of the little sibs who visited said, "I liked the time we spent in the dorm. It was fun to get to see what college is like."



Judge, lawyer, accountant, professor, Bob Monfort is ...

A man who wears many hats

— by Melinda Burdan —

Despite the fact that we live here nine months out of the year, many SJC students are not very familiar with the Rensselaer area, and even less are familiar with the officials who run our "home away from home."

One of our very own Saint Joseph's College professors happens to be one of the people in charge of Jasper County. Professor Robert Monfort recently ran for re-election in the position of Circuit Court Judge.

Monfort stated that he decided to become involved in politics because of his desire to "take an active role in [the] community." In answer to this, Governor Evan Bayh appointed Monfort to his position five years ago. However, it has not been all smooth sailing since then.

"The local political machine fired me and closed the court over three years ago," explained Monfort. "I have been involved in a lawsuit to keep it open for over three years."

Despite these difficulties, this

year found Monfort in the midst of one of the most historic elections in years. But before he was eligible for the general election held on November 3, Monfort had to complete many tasks. He was required to follow a set timetable.

For example, he first had to declare his candidacy in the spring and then run in the primary election. After winning in the primary, Monfort's name then went to the county clerk's office to be placed on the ballot for November. Since Monfort was in the uncommon position of running un-opposed, he will retain his position as Circuit Court judge.

Monfort is also in the interesting position of being a democrat in the very conservative town of Rensselaer. However, he stated that he does not feel influenced by this.

"I am independent of any po-

litical pressure and concerns," he said. "There is plenty of room for a responsible democrat in conservative Rensselaer."

In addition to being the current judge in Jasper County, Monfort is also an accountant, a lawyer and a professor. When asked how he balances all of his careers, he replied, "I don't watch TV!" He also added that SJC has been very cooperative in allowing him to schedule all of his classes at the times most convenient for him.

While Monfort has several different titles, he feels that being a judge is the most challenging, but that being a professor is a lot of fun. He teaches what he knows and also enjoys the interaction with his students. Monfort feels that the students at SJC are very smart and capable of doing anything they put their minds to.

New group 'Bread for the World' works to end hunger

— by Breain Ma'Ayteh —

A few weeks ago, many students were asked to give up their cafe numbers to support an organization called Bread for the World. Of course, at the time it seemed like the thing to do. But how many SJC students really know what this organization does?

As advertised in the group's brochure, it is "a Christian citizens' movement that helps reduce hunger." In practice, however, it is much more than that. The 16 members here at Saint Joe actively go and find ways to do what they advertise.

On Friday, October 16, "Skip A Meal" took place. Students were asked to give up their cafeteria number for dinner that night. Not such a big deal, right? Half the time we skip the cafe altogether. But those missed meals helped Bread for the World raise over 400 dollars to help feed poverty-stricken people in Sudan.

Ana Ostman, student spokesperson for the organization, said that the group plans to write letters to congressmen in the area explaining about the organization. At Christmastime, Bread For the World will join up with the Columbian Players for a canned food drive. Also in the works is a faculty/student basketball game fund-raiser. The money would go to two families in the area to provide them with a Thanksgiving dinner and presents at Christmas.

"It's exciting to see people my own age so eager to contribute to the cause of stopping hunger not only in their environment, but all around the world. It's inspiring," Ostman said.

It is not too late to become a part of this noble crusade. For more information on how to join, contact Fr. Jim Challancin.

Games Ahead

November 6

Women's Soccer
GLVC Finals, TBA

7:00 PM Women's Volleyball versus Wisconsin-Parkside

November 7

Men's Soccer GLVC Finals, TBA

Women's Soccer
GLVC Finals, TBA

Women's Volleyball
Huntington Tournament, TBA

Women's Volleyball
Huntington Tournament, TBA

Cross Country Great Lakes Regional at Hillsdale

Football versus Valparaiso.

November 10

7:30 PM Men's Basketball Exhibition versus Mexico

November 12

Women's Volleyball
GLVC Tournament, TBA

6:00 PM Women's Basketball Versus Northwood University at Saginaw Valley Classic

November 14

Football versus Wayne State University

8:00 Women's Basketball versus Saginaw Valley State at Saginaw Valley Classic.

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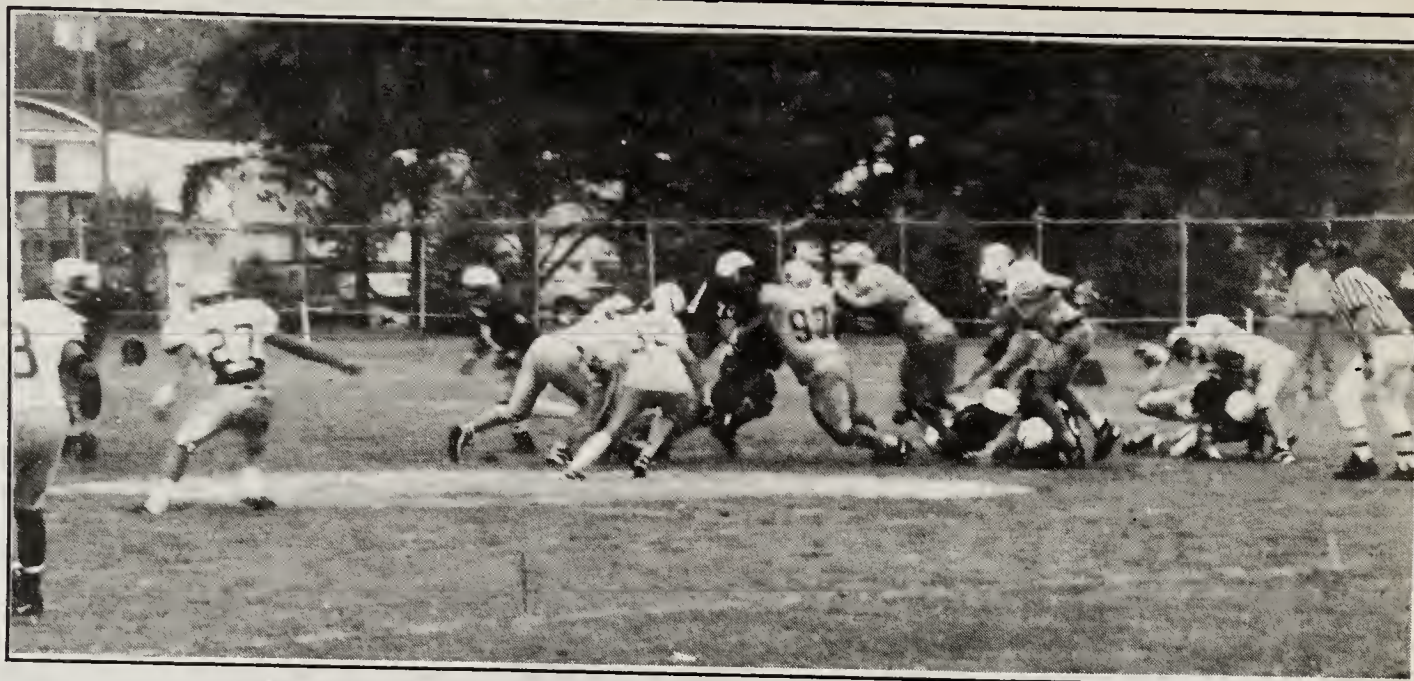


Photo by Charles Martin

The Football team in action a few weeks ago. Catch them this weekend at home versus Valparaiso.

FOOTBALL TEAM IS ON THE MOVE

By Jamie Riberto

The football team was on an unstoppable winning streak. They had won their last four games with their most recent win over Georgetown College in Kentucky. The Pumas prevailed over the Tigers as they defeated Georgetown 41-27 to improve to 5-3 on the season.

Both the Pumas defense and nationally ranked offense played with a vengeance as Jason Baldwin had nine carries for 128 yards and two touchdowns which included a career long 90 yard touchdown run. Quarterback Larry Smith had 79 yards rushing for the team. The Pumas are currently ranked 12th in the nation in offense rushing and 26th in the nation in scoring.

The Puma defense recorded six interceptions with the help of Montell Pace's three and two by Brian Stultz. Stultz is now ranked 4th in interceptions in the national standings and Pace is ranked 13th in interceptions. Elbert Henderson also did his part to contribute with a career high of 22 tackles.

Head Coach Tom Riva felt that the Pumas fared quite well against Georgetown.

"I think we did good. The guys came out ready to play and they made big plays. Defense created a lot of turnovers and the offense scored. Georgetown is a good team, but we were able to play well and defeat

them" Riva stated.

The team has two games left in their victorious season so far. Coach Riva hopes that the team will continue to play well and stay focused.

"The big thing is to keep playing hard and pay attention to the details. Being disciplined has taken us over the top. We have to keep up our work ethic in order to succeed. The team is seeing proof that good things happen if they work hard" Riva said.

The players are also pleased with how the season is going so far. Senior, Tony

McCloud hopes that the team will continue to play hard so that they have a chance to go to the play-offs.

"This season so far has been successful. We have beaten some very good teams. If we win the rest of our games, we have a chance to go to the play-offs" McCloud commented.

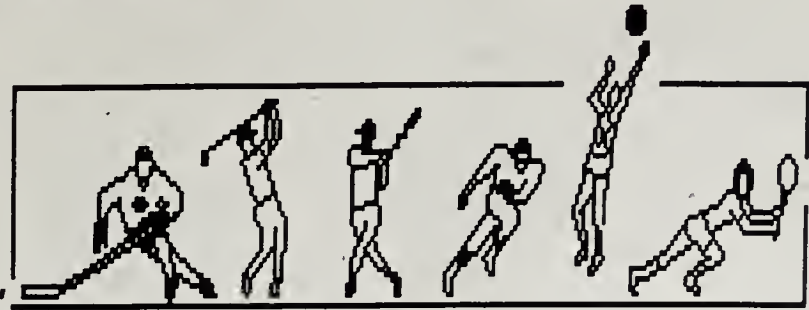
Senior, Tim James also remarked, "As long as we play like

Pumas, there is not team in our division that can play with us" James remarked.

The Pumas unfortunately lost against New Haven on October 31st with a score of 39-24. They fell to 5-4 overall. Hopefully they will be able to again pickup their winning streak this Saturday.

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Coach's Corner: Tennis Coach John Barrientos



By Andrea Dick

His players know him as "relaxed and low-key", his friends and co-workers here at Saint Joseph's describe him as "laid back and down-to-earth"- yet by the other tennis coaches in the GLVC, John Barrientos is known most for the fierce competitors he puts out on the court every year.

Coach Barrientos graduated from SJC in 1951 and has coached men's and women's tennis here at his Alma mater for nineteen years now. His repertoire includes six Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships for the women's team, with three of those recorded in the last five years. The women have also compiled three undefeated seasons with the last one coming in 1997 (17-0).

Aside from the team success, Barrientos has also seen many individual honors dolled out to his players. Along the way, he has coached countless All-Conference Team selections, several Academic All-Conference Team members, and even had nationally ranked collegiate players. Always one to stress academics along with the athletic aspect, Barrientos' men's and women's teams have been named to Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-Academic Teams for the past two seasons. To this, the "low-key" coach said, "It is a greater accomplishment for the players than for me. I was just fortunate to be a part of it. I have been fortunate enough to coach some outstanding student-athletes.."

This season, Barrientos captured yet another distinction by registering his 200th career victory. His Lady Puma team then closed out the season with a 12-3 record overall, finishing second in the conference tournament to Northern Kentucky University on October 10th in Indianapolis. Coach Barrientos now stands with a career record of 209-68 at the helm of the women's tennis program.

The Lady Pumas wrapped up the year with an impressive

win streak, yet still shared their coach's disappointment in the championship loss. Barrientos remarked, "You can have wonderful seasons and great records, but without a championship, something is missing." The team will lose four seniors next year, all of whom were a part of the 1997 undefeated conference championship team. Jennifer Silva wrapped up her career with an 8-1 season record at #2 singles, along with a 12-2 doubles record. Jill Orzechoskie shares that doubles record and adds to it a 7-3 season at the #3 spot. Andrea Dick concludes the stretch with a 9-3 performance at the #4 position along with a 7-3 doubles stance. The final senior member, Laurie Hammontree, ends up 4-3 at the #6 spot and 9-5 overall in doubles.

The four returnees for the 1999 season will include junior Liz Decker, who played #1 for the Lady Pumas this season; freshman Jillian Labarge, who started at the #5 spot and put together an unblemished 11-0 record; freshman Amanda Lundeen, who split time with senior Laurie Hammontree at #6; and junior Kim Riccardo, whose injuries gave her limited playing time at the #5 and #6 spots.

To keep his feared reputation in the GLVC, Barrientos knows he is going to have to find replacements for the departing seniors. "You can't buy experience," he says, "but I look for a certain amount of talent in each individual. At this level, players are 'gems'- I don't expect to have to teach the fundamentals, but rather to polish those gems."

Course Design

OH YOU WICKED ARCHITECTS, HOW YOU MUST REVEL,
AS I WONDER IF YOUR COURSE DESIGNS COME FROM THE DEVIL.
I'VE BEEN BLESSED, OR CURSED, TO PLAY SOME OF YOUR BEST,
AND IF THERE'S WORSE TO BE FOUND THEN I'LL SKIP THE REST.

IS THERE A SADISTIC STREAK REQUIRED WHEN YOU TRAIN?
SO THAT US GOLFERS HAVE HOLES WHICH BECOME OUR BANE.
COURSE AFTER COURSE I'VE FOUND HOLES AT WHICH TO SWEAR,
THAT I'M SURE YOU ARCHITECTS DESIGNED A PLAQUE INTO WITH

CARE.

THANK GOD, NO COURSE HAS EIGHTEEN SUCH
HOLES IN A ROW,
AT LEAST THERE'S NO SUCH MONSTER, OF WHICH
I KNOW.

PLEASE, OH PLEASE, DON'T CONVENE A DESIGN
CONVENTION,
WHERE SUCH A COURSE LAYOUT WOULD EVER GET
MENTION.



In Living Color



by Don Shanahan



Welcome again you crazy popcorn fiends to another Observer movie review. This week I'm reviewing a movie that many critics are considering one of the year's best and a major Oscar contender. Whether it can outrun a Saving Private Ryan invasion on Oscar night this coming March is another story. The movie I'm talking about is Pleasantville, released into theaters October 23. The movie, like I mentioned, has stirred up a lot of talk. Some big-wig Hollywood critics are calling it The Truman Show meets Back to the Future and the new Wizard of Oz for our generation. With Pleasantville, I firmly back what these overpaid critics are saying.

Pleasantville is, of sorts, a modern day satire of today's cable television age against the old dynasty of classic picture-perfect and politically correct sitcoms. I know that sounds complicated, but the movie's story is easy to follow. It's about two '90's teenagers, David and Jennifer, played by virtual newcomers Tobey Maguire (The Ice Storm) and Reese Witherspoon (Fear). In a freak TV remote accident, the siblings are sucked inside a "Leave it to Beaver"-esque old TV show called "Pleasantville" where everything is perfectly black and white. David and Jennifer fall into a the white-picket fence household of a "Honey, I'm home!" dad (William H. Macy) and a cook-all-day mom (Joan Allen) and become "Bud" and "Mary Sue".

The town is too good to be true. The school basketball team doesn't miss a shot and the fire department's only job is to save cats from trees. Here the temperature is always 72 degrees, and the adults sleep sex-free in (gasp!) separate beds. Slowly things start to change as David and Jennifer inadvertently change the people around them. People open up to new things and lose their black-and-white innocence as things start to occur and poke through "in color". The whole town of Pleasantville slowly awakens. Are these changes for the better? Is love in the air? Will David and Jennifer ever get back home?

Pleasantville, as the title suggests, is a light-hearted fable about changing times and the constant generation gap between then and now. The movie has a lot of comedy and a lot of great moments. The town setting of Pleasantville itself, from Lover's Lane to the Malt Shop, is magical and intriguing. The great ensemble cast of veterans and newcomers, though, makes this movie special. Tobey Maguire and Reese Witherspoon give great performances as the trapped Gen X-ers. Even better are William H. Macy (Fargo and Boogie Nights) and Joan Allen (The Crucible and Face/Off) as their all-too-perfect TV parents. Also, in supporting roles, Jeff Daniels of Dumb and Dumber, the late J.T. Walsh (Breakdown) in his final performance, and TV fossil Don Knotts of "Andy Griffith" and "Three's Company" fame are all a treat to watch in their townspeople roles.

Pleasantville is definitely worthy, in my opinion, of all the Oscar talk. Macy's and Allen's performances, in particular, I think are worthy of supporting nominations. Directed by the writer of Big and Dave, the movie is beautifully written. Pleasantville is a great movie for all those fans of classic TV. It's especially great for all you Core professors out there reading this movie review that talk about lofty notions like human dignity, innocence, and TV violence in your lectures. Trust me, students and teachers, young and old, will enjoy Pleasantville. Now go see it!

Happy Viewing!!

Poetry

Invisible

How did I become invisible?
People walk by me
And they do not see me
They talk about me
When I am near
And never have the fear
Of the words that I may overhear
They do not see the hurt
As they dig up the dirt
From deep inside
This tear stained hide
I can only hope
That I do not become
One of the gossiping ones.
A.B.

Leaves

Leaves falling on the ground.
Red and orange and brown.
Red are happy.
Orange are cheerful.
Brown reminds us of the
winter to come.
Each reflects how we feel.
Each reflects the coming
year.
Ann Zurawski

Mourning Dwenger

It's exactly 72 degrees.
The walls are plain and bare.
There is no summer breeze.
It's stark and without care.
Nothing real lives here.
Synthetic silence bares down on me.
A latchless window,
begging me - look but do not see
the flowers, the clouds, the soft glow
Of nature, of beauty, of gentle sunny
fingers
Caressing - making earth and heaven
one.
What has this cold, cruel building
done?
Lisa Phillips

THE WARMTH OF CONTENTMENT

The fire blazed-- so hot with
our love
The fiery monster consumed
what we had
And I was sitting by myself
For so long in the cold-
Sitting in front of that cold
black heatless pit-
Thinking it would be better to
freeze than to burn.
The cold loneliness was
overwhelming
And as I poked at the chilling
black cinders with
compassion and confidence
A spark flickered and then a
flame-
Enough to keep me warm, but
not enough to see her in the
darkness.

FREE REFILLS

Waiter. I'd like a tall glass of hate with this
cigar.
It's the last thing I'll ask you for.
For when the smoke clears, all will see me.
Me with my tall glass of hate.
the Poet

the Poet

A saint is not a
man who never
falls; he is a
man who gets up and goes on
every time he falls.
--William Barclay